

Find more information on sustainable building incentives, case studies and an overview of the City's Sustainable Building Program, at [www.seattle.gov/dpd/sustainability](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/sustainability).

# sustainable building incentives commercial

## Assistance Available to Seattle Businesses

If you are a building owner looking to lower your utility bills; a business owner working with an architect to design a workspace that is more comfortable, healthy and productive; or a contractor interested in reducing waste disposal fees, you can make an investment in Seattle's future by taking advantage of financial incentives and technical assistance programs available from the City.

The programs are designed to help you lessen the environmental impact of your choices while also meeting Seattle's sustainability goals—a vital economy, healthy environment, and strong community. Examples of the types of programs available are listed on page 2. For more details on individual programs, visit the City department or website listed. For more information on DPD's involvement in sustainability issues, please contact:

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## The LEED™ Incentive

The City of Seattle was the first city in the nation to formally adopt the green building rating system called LEED™ as its design and performance standard. LEED™, which stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council to provide a definition of green building and industry standards.

LEED™ focuses on five main categories, each containing criteria that were developed to represent the best practices in the U.S. marketplace. The categories are Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality.

Seattle established an incentive fund to encourage non-City projects to join Seattle in transforming the local marketplace by achieving LEED™ certification for their buildings. It's working. There are 28 LEED™-registered projects located in Seattle, representing more than three million square feet of multi-family residential, commercial and government projects. In fact, only Portland can boast more LEED™-registered projects than Seattle.

For more information on the LEED™ Incentive, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).



*Blakeley Village, a new University of Washington student housing community next to University Village, took advantage of the LEED™ Incentive. The project is being developed by Lorig Associates, designed by Mithun and built by Walsh Construction.*

*(Blakeley Village rendering by Mithun)*

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## **Sustainable Building**

Financial assistance to help you incorporate sustainable building goals early on in the pre-design process, when they are most cost-effective. Technical assistance and resources to help you improve the environmental and economic performance of your building project.

## **Water Conservation**

Financial assistance and resources to help you save up to 50% of the cost of installing a wide range of water-efficient technologies from irrigation to cooling equipment for commercial, institutional and industrial customers.

## **Site & Landscape**

Financial assistance and resources to help you protect or enhance the local watershed, salmon habitat and urban forest. Technical assistance for better landscape design and maintenance choices.

## **Urban Forest & Habitat**

Financial assistance and resources for partnership projects that increase our forest canopy and restore urban forests and habitat.

## **Energy Conservation**

Energy conservation programs ranging from rebates up to 70% of conservation strategies in new or existing buildings to installation of the VendingMiser, an occupancy sensor that powers down vending machines. Other programs help you reduce energy use for lighting or commission your building to optimize its performance.

## **Materials & Resources**

Technical assistance and resources to assist you with increasing your recycling rate during construction and when your building is occupied. Closing the loop, resources are available to help you select recycled-content products and materials.

## **Preservation**

Financial assistance and resources are available to help you preserve the character and architecture of historic buildings. Low interest loans and grants are available for rehabilitating or weatherizing housing property that help preserve or develop low-income and affordable housing.

## **Community**

Grants that fund a variety of community projects, ranging from protecting clean water to neighborhood planning. Each grant program has a specific focus (e.g., Dept. of Neighborhoods assists communities with a broad array of neighborhood-initiated improvement, organizing or planning projects).

## **Transportation**

Services and assistance to help you create a program that motivates employees to commute to work, choosing an alternative to driving alone.

### **Seattle City Light LEED™ Pilot Incentive**

[www.seattle.gov/light/conservesustainability/leed](http://www.seattle.gov/light/conservesustainability/leed)

### **Business & Industry Resource Venture**

[www.resourceventure.org](http://www.resourceventure.org)

### **BetterBricks**

[www.betterbricks.com](http://www.betterbricks.com)

### **Seattle Public Utilities Conservation Programs**

[www.seattle.gov/util/Directory/Conservation\\_Index/](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Directory/Conservation_Index/)

### **King County Department of Natural Resources**

[dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/resource.htm](http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/resource.htm)

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### **Department of Neighborhood Tree Fund**

[www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmfltreefund.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmfltreefund.htm)

### **Seattle City Light Business Conservation Programs**

[www.seattle.gov/light/conserves/business](http://www.seattle.gov/light/conserves/business)

### **Built Smart<sup>SM</sup>**

[www.seattle.gov/light/conserves/resident/cv5\\_bs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/light/conserves/resident/cv5_bs.htm)

### **Lighting Design Lab**

[www.lightingdesignlab.com/commercial](http://www.lightingdesignlab.com/commercial)

### **Business & Industry Resource Venture**

[www.resourceventure.org](http://www.resourceventure.org)

### **Seattle Public Utilities**

[www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Recycling/](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Recycling/)

### **Seattle Historic Preservation**

[www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/)

### **Office of Housing**

[www.seattle.gov/housing/LoanPrograms.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/housing/LoanPrograms.htm)

### **Neighborhood Matching Fund Program**

[www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmfl](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmfl)

### **Grant Central Station**

[www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Drainage\\_&\\_Sewer/Get\\_Involved/Environmental\\_Grants](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Drainage_&_Sewer/Get_Involved/Environmental_Grants)

### **King County Employer Commute Services**

[transit.metrokc.gov/prog/employer/empcommute.html](http://transit.metrokc.gov/prog/employer/empcommute.html)

